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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Improvements to Interstate 215/State Route 60 Continue Near UCR With Blasting and Excavating to Build Retaining Walls**

**Riverside** – Caltrans plans to implement minor blasting and excavating along the northbound side of Interstate 215/State Route 60 freeway between Martin Luther King Blvd. and El Cerrito Drive near UC Riverside on Tuesday, August 29 between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Subsequently, all lanes of the freeway will be closed in both directions for about 25 minutes during the blasting operation.

California Highway Patrol officers will provide traffic breaks on the freeway during the blasting period and reopen the roadway when it is safe to resume traffic. The blasting and subsequent road closures are expected to occur once each day every two or three days and may extend through Sept. 9. Every effort will be made to minimize disturbances and protect the safety of university students, professors, and nearby residents during the blasting period.

The work is part of a \$317 million effort to improve the 60/91/215 Interchange near the university. At this location, the project contractor will clear materials from the blasting effort and continue building a retaining wall along the northbound side of the freeway.

Caltrans advises motorists to drive with extra caution during, stay, and ***Slow for the Cone Zone.***

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